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***For Immediate Release***

**FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on February 9, 2004, **RODNEY C. BROWN**, age 40, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in East St. Louis, Illinois.

**RODNEY BROWN** was sentenced to 70 months imprisonment, three years supervised release, and was fined \$300. **RODNEY BROWN** had previously pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine, one count of felon in possession of a firearm and one count of felon in possession of ammunition.

**RODNEY BROWN** was living on West Ninth Street, Alton, Illinois, on June 18, 2003, when the offenses were discovered by Alton Police and he was charged by indictment in federal court on August 13, 2003. On November 17, 2003, **RODNEY BROWN** entered pleas of guilty to the indictment charges.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort between the City of Alton, Illinois Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. In addition, the Madison County State's Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation and has prosecuted another individual in a related case in Madison County Circuit Court.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, the Madison County State's Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, and is directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities.

The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Daly.